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C O N F I D E N T I A L COTONOU 1623

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, DM, FR

SUBJECT: NOVEMBER 13 FRANCOPHONE CHIEFS OF STATE PARIS

MEETING: DAHOMEY PROBABLY ABSENT

1. AT WEEKLY NOVEMBER 2 MRGD COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION GIVEN TO PRESIDENT KEREKOU'S ATTENDANCE AT SUBJECT MEETING ON GROUNDS ECONOMIC AND MONETARY AGENDA ITEMS OF INTEREST TO DAHOMEY. WHEN WORD FINALLY REACHED COTONOU FOLLOWING MORNING OF SENGHOR'S OCTOBER 31 DECLARATION IN BANGUI THAT MEETING WOULD BE A FIRST STEP TOWARDS A FRANCOPHONE COMMONWEALTH, SPECIAL COUNCIL OF MINISTERS SESSION CALLED TO RECONSIDER KEREKOU'S PARTICIPATION IN PARIS MEETING ON GROUNDS SUCH A MOVE DIRECTLY OPPOSED TO MRGD POLICY OF PROMOTING ANGLOPHONE FRANCOPHONE COOPERATION IN WEST AFRICA.

2. ACCORDING TO FRENCH AMBASSADOR VAN GREVENYNGHE, MAIN PURPOSE OF NIGER PRESIDENT DIORI'S BRIEF, UNEXPECTED VISIT TO COTONOU SUNDAY NOVEMBER 4 WAS TO PERSUADE KEREKOU TO ATTEND NOVEMBER 13 MEETING. OUTCOME OF DIORI'S EFFORTS NOT KNOWN, BUT WE DOUBT HE WAS SUCCESSFUL.
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